

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY
LITURGY



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This liturgy is part of the United Methodist Student Day pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “Restoring a Spirit of Wisdom.” The prayers can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

INVOCATION

(based on Ephesians 1:15-23)

Christ, our king, we gather with ceaseless thanksgiving for all you have given to us. Pour out a spirit of wisdom and revelation on your people. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts to experience your powerful hope among us.

On this United Methodist Student Day, we ask for a special blessing on the students of this congregation, especially (name them). Encourage them and bless them in their studies.

Fill us with a deeper understanding of the greatness of your love and power. We gather as your church and pray in the name above all names.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 95:1-7 & Ephesians 1:15-23)

One: O come, sing to the Lord; make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL: We come, seeking a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

“COME, LET’S SING OUT LOUD TO THE LORD! LET’S RAISE A JOYFUL SHOUT TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION! LET’S COME BEFORE HIM WITH THANKS! LET’S SHOUT SONGS OF JOY TO HIM!”

—PSALM 95:1-7 (CEB)



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One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

ALL: We come, seeking enlightenment for the eyes of our hearts.

One: Come, make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

ALL: We come, seeking the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

ALL: We come. Let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! Amen.

OFFERING

Holy one, we present our gifts with thanksgiving for all you have given to us. Bless them and multiply them as they provide opportunities for education. Bless the students as they pursue their dreams. Give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation to grow in understanding of your great love for them. Guide them to use their knowledge and skills

to serve others, to work toward justice and equality and to contribute to the common good.

As our gifts come together with those of other United Methodist churches, remind us all of your love and power. Thank you for the communities of faith that offer nourishment and support. Receive these gifts in the name above all names, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

As you depart from this place, May the Holy Spirit lead you to a spirit of restored wisdom. May you see God revealed in each person. May you share Christ's love in the beloved community. Go in peace.



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